

THE INDEPENDENT

Seventeenth Year.

GRIMSBY, BEAMSVILLE AND SMITHVILLE, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 1902.

\$1 Per Year

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Reserve Fund 1,000,000
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FACTS and FANCIES

By Frank Fairborn

They say water works. It may be true,
but I never saw it at it in Grimsby.

The only time the water works in
Grimsby is when it is "flooding" the risks
in the winter or "filling" the cellars in
the spring.

It should scarcely be contended that
water works full time in Grimsby, when
but few of the people work over half
time.

One thing I do know however, and that
is that water works the whiskey here for
all its worth.

Waterworks, Waterworks
Waterworks or play,
If we must have waterworks
We'll pay, pay, pay.

Well, he'll it better to "pay" for water-
works and have em, than to "pay" for
property and have nothing, but "smoke."

Mr. Earnest Spear, of Stony Creek,
intends going to the State of Maine to
sort apples shortly.—Wentworth Light,
Dundas.

Just so! Last Saturday would have
been a good day to start the job.

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Large and Select Stock.

Books for Everyone.

Bibles.
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And many other pleasing
things.

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John Bull stood this for four years and
then he took counsel with his friend "Hans"
and together they decided to call on their
dear friend Castro and if they didn't get
what was coming to them they could at
least leave their "calling cards."

Castro, like many another man in this
world, would sooner have seen anyone else
than the men he owed, so he hung out the
sign "not at home."

That bluff didn't go with "Hans" and
"John Bull," so now Castro has his head
out of an upstairs window yelling "I want
to arbitrate."

How Castro got on to the "arbitration"
game, is more than I know, but "he" he
is and working it for all it is worth.

Castro is not only working the "arbitra-
tion" game, but he is applying it along a
new line. He wants to "arbitrate" on
the question of whether he will pay his
debts or not.

Great Heavens! If Castro succeeds in
establishing a precedent of applying "ar-
bitration" to the payment of debts, I'll
pull out of the newspaper business right
away.

About a thousand people owe me, and
if every one of them claimed the right to
"arbitrate" on whether they should pay
or not I'd be in the "asylum" or "dead"
forty years before the cases were all set-
tled. From the "arbitration" stand good
Lord deliver us.

O Castro! O Castro!
You must be full of gusto,
I mean you won't be in it
For a little short-lived minute;
For you haven't got the sand to last.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 9.—A very unusual and
interesting condition of affairs has arisen
in Galt, one probably without precedent.
Early in the year the Town Council passed
a by-law prohibiting dogs being allowed
to run at large.

A wave of popular antagonism was
raised among dog-owners against the
measure, and several hundred dollars were
subscribed to test the validity of the by-
law should the council enforce it.

The by-law has not been repealed, and
last night a meeting of dog-owners was
held, those present representing what is
known as the "Dog-owners League,"
which has a membership of four hundred,
including many influential men of the
town.

Dear me! Is not that terrible.

Dog-owners can make fools of them-
selves as well as anybody else.

What right have dogs to run at large,
anywhere than pigs or cows or cats or
sheep?

Dogs are an infernal nuisance running
all over a town. They scratch up lawns,
break down flowers, foul goods in front of
stores, scare children and horses, fight
and howl and otherwise make condemned
idiots of themselves, and serve no useful
or ornamental purpose.

A dog's place is at home. He should
be there like a sentry on duty, or as a
companion.

If he is taken on the public street, he
should be under the direct control of his
owner, the same as a horse.

I'm glad to see that the Council of Galt
has some sense, and I'm sorry to see that
many of its influential citizens are mak-
ing conspicuous asses of themselves.

On New Year's Day The Toronto Even-
ing News will become a morning paper,
under the ownership of J. W. Flavell
and editorship of Mr. Willison, late editor
of the Globe.

The Morning News is to be an absolute-
ly "Independent" paper, the mouth-piece
of no party, the organ of no corporate in-
terest.

Mr. Willison in assuming this role will
be acting directly opposite to what he has
been doing in the past. His future course
will be watched with interest.

On Thursday last a break occurred in
the consolidated Lake Superior stock and
in one day values depreciated over twelve
million dollars.

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11, 13 and 15 King Street East,
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Christmas Furs

A well selected stock of Stylish Furs at prices that
make gift giving possible. All thoroughly reliable.
Sable neck ruffs, finished with 8 tails and steel
clasp, specially good value, for \$3
Best selected noble ruffs, 10 tails and steel clasp \$10
Black Astrachan caperines, high storm collar, set-
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Christmas Gloves For Women.

Others besides our guaranteed dollar glove. Of course, we always recommend the
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wool gloves and cashmere gloves and lined and gloves and lined mocha gloves. In fact
every kind for cold weather, and just the styles you would select for gifts.

Cashmere gloves, in black, white, red,
brown and grey, with self and white
stitching, with or without buttons. The pe-
Others with silk lining, \$1.50 pair
Fancy plaid or striped ringwood gloves,
in navy, brown, black or white mix-
tures, \$1.50 pair
Framed ringwood gloves, made of fine
heavy quality silk, special \$3.00 pair

Musical Instruments.

We carry a first-class stock of Musical Instruments, with decidedly low prices
throughout. Why not take this as a suggestion for a Christmas gift for some friend
or member of your family? A new instrument chosen from a carefully selected stock
would surely give pleasure.

An item or two—for an idea of the prices—

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Autoharps are very popular just now.
Easy to learn to play; a book of instruc-
tions, simply told, goes with each instru-
ment, and also a fine wooden box to
keep the instrument in.

23 strings, 4 bars \$3
23 strings, 8 bars \$2.50
23 strings, 6 bars \$2.50
Extra large autoharp for professional
use, 23 strings, 6 bars \$3.75

Accordions.

Specially finished, well made, in every
particular, guaranteed steel frame tools,
prices according to finish and the number
of keys, 2, 2.50, 3.50 and \$4.50
Blow accordions, 16 tone keys, wood
case, projecting bell, price \$1

Concertinas.

Best German concertinas, 20 keys,
fancy hallow, priced according to size
..... \$1 and \$1.25
Others with German silver keys, rose-
wood hallow case \$2.25

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Insure your life and your comfort in this way—The minute you buy a pair of King
Stub Proof rubbers, your life is insured for \$100.
These rubbers are made of best woven fabric, "Rope Duck," and best PATRONS
rubber, which makes them to wear like iron. Every pair guaranteed against cracking
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They can be had in 1 and 2 buckles, and laced, and ranging in price from 1.75 to
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Grimsby, Dec. 17.

—Wanted—A smart boy about 16 years old to learn the newspaper business. Apply at THE INDEPENDENT Office.

—For Sale—8 or 9 foot cedar posts from 12 1/2 to 20 cents. Apply to F. Freeman, North of Highway bridge, on Paton St., Grimsby.

—Miss Gertrude Fawell, of Cayuga, is the guest of Mrs. Soffley at "Tackitaxie."

—Ed. Lawrence, who has been ill for sometimes is very much improved. He is able to come down town now.

—Wanted—A first class man by the year, good wages to suitable man. A. Johnson, Grimsby.

—He should dress to please others. Who are the others? Men? Guess again. Our New Winter Suits and overcoats will find favor in her eyes—in fact she will favor your suit if you buy your suit from Farrar, Clothier, Market Square. We give exchange tickets.

—Mrs. W. F. Gibson will be at home to her friends on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 20th.

—Holly, Plants, Cut Flowers and green for Xmas decoration at A. E. Cole, 1 mile east of village. Phone 50 B.

—Cedar posts for sale. It will be to your interest to see me before you buy elsewhere. Apply to R. J. Sutcliffe, Ontario St., Grimsby.

—For Sale—Fresh milk cow, second calf. Apply to Jas. M. Durham, North Grimsby.

—Wanted—A good man by this year, highest wages, first class house on farm; also straw and oats wanted. Apply to C. J. McKinnon & Sons.

—The Methodist Sunday School will hold their Annual Christmas Entertainment in the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th. The programme, which will commence at 8 o'clock will consist of choruses, recitations, dialogues and tableaux. The gifts from the Christmas tree will be distributed at the close of the programme. Admission 10 cents.

—Celery for sale, in large or small quantities, from 20 to 500 a box. Apply to R. J. Hallie, 1 mile east of Village.

—Miss Yulisse (Mrs. Harrison) is to sing at Dunnville on New Year's night. They have a fine new Opera House there owned by the town, Dunnville is Mrs. Harrison's birth place and according to the local papers they are very proud of her and the cents are already selling rapidly.

—Next Sunday the Rev. John Muir will preach in the morning on "The Child Christ," and in the evening on "The Law of Christian Justice or Doing as you would be done by."

—There will be a hockey meeting at the Lincoln House on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

—Buy your furs at Hawke's this week. Set of samples bought yesterday, they offer \$5.00 out for \$3.75.

—Farmers, who have old rail fences should not lose the present opportunity to exchange them for a good new wire fence. I can furnish you with the best wire fence on earth and besides you will be surprised at the grand offer I can give you to exchange for your old rails. This offer will only remain good while the price of coal and wood keeps up. Special inducements given on orders taken before the first of the new year. Apply to W. F. Randall, agent, Strathly Hinge Stay wire fence.

—Don't forget the Grimsby Bazaar with its loads of toys, fancy work, novelties, picture books, gift books, sleds, dainty gifts for old and young, good value, all new and up-to-date. Orders taken for cut flowers. School books and stationery always on hand. The Bazaar, A. Torrey.

—Mr. C. E. Nelson spent last week with his son, Leslie at Niagara.

—Harmon Singer and Thomas O'Laughlin, of Niagara Falls, were up to Grimsby last Thursday, attending the funeral.

—Arthur Groce, of St. Catharines, spent Thursday last with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Groce. He came up to attend the funeral.

—Mr. David Jackson, of Fulton, County Chancellor for Division No. 4, was in Grimsby last Thursday, attending the funeral. He was acquainted with Miss Ingersoll, whom he had often met in THE INDEPENDENT Office and he was greatly shocked to learn of her death.

—Mr. and Mrs. Flury spent last week, visiting at Uxbridge, Ont.

—Mr. Richard Nelson, formerly of Grimsby, has resigned his position with the America Express Co. in New York City and has accepted a position with a large joint house in Detroit. He was on his way from New York to Detroit last week and stopped over and spent Friday in Grimsby.

—Dr. Woolverton returned from a trip to Washington and New York on Saturday last.

—For Sale—30 tons of first class hay. Will deliver to purchaser or will sell at the barn. About ten tons is clover hay. Jim Howell, on thirty road.

—Messrs. Charles, Louis and Joseph Upper returned from Edmonton on Thursday last. They have been in the West all summer, handling steam shovels.

—Mrs. C. H. Mills, of Berlin, returned to her home last week, after spending a week with friends in Grimsby.

—R. R. Smith, of Winona, got jaundice last week against the H. G. & B. for \$150.00, for a horse killed by the electric car.

—Mrs. Secor, Mrs. Davis, Miss Annie Buck, Miss Ethel Nelson, Miss Annie Blank and Miss Annie Gallagher were up from St. Catharines last week to express their sympathy to the friends of Mr. Harry M. Broadly. Miss Annie Gallagher was also a friend of Miss Maud Hughes.

Professor Boyes will not visit Grimsby next week, as it is holiday week, but will be here again on Dec. 21st. After the new year he will visit Grimsby on Thursdays. His first lesson in the new year will be on Thursday, Jan. 8th.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Tufford, of Hamilton, were in Grimsby all last week, owing to the death of Mrs. Tufford's sister, Miss Hughes.

The High School Concert

Friday evening the 19th, the school will meet a bumper house and the house will hear a fine programme from Harold Jarvis, the great tenor, Edna Irene Bastedo, elocutionist, and the school. Besides the other talent the school have some good spely things. There are still a few good seats which may be reserved at 35 cents. The plan at Miller's. Concert at 8 p.m. Cars both ways after concert.

A limited number of elevated seats will be arranged in the recess behind the main hall which will be sold at 25 cents at the door.

Entertainment at Fifty Church.

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church, Winona, will hold its annual entertainment in the Fifty Church, on Monday evening, Dec. 22nd. Howard's Orchestra of Hamilton, assisted by Miss Edwards, elocutionist, and the school will provide the programme. Doors open at 7, concert 8. Admission 20 cents.

Kelson-Keep.

The marriage of Mr. H. C. Kelson, of Grimsby, and Miss Susan R. Keep, of Wantage, Eng., and sister of Mr. J. Palmer Keep, of Hamilton, Ont., and Mr. Nigel Keep, of Redlands, Cal., took place in all Saints Church, Hamilton on Monday, Dec. 16th, 1902. Rev. Cannon Forrester performed the ceremony and it was witnessed by a few immediate friends. The bride is well known to many Grimsby people and her return from England to live once more at Grimsby, will be welcomed by many. THE INDEPENDENT extends congratulations.

Mr. Bready Expresses Thanks.

Grimsby, Dec. 15th, 1902.

Editor Independent

Dear Sir—Permit me through the columns of your paper to express my sincere gratitude to the officials of your town and to the public in general for their many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness in the preparation for, and internment of my son. And there will ever remain that one bright spot in the dark cloud which has fallen upon me and the remaining members of my family, and that is to know that my dear son and their dear brother, Harry, was buried like a prince.

Yours very gratefully,
J. R. Bready.

Married.

Kelson-Keep—At All Saints Church, Hamilton, on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1902, by the Rev. Cannon Forrester, Hugh C. Kelson, of Grimsby, to Susan R. Keep, of Wantage, England.

Died.

CORWIN—At her residence on Orange Grove Ave., Riverside, Cal., Dec. 6th, 1902, Miss Jane Corwin in her 81st year. Funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7th.

The Near Approach of Xmas.

With the very near approach of Christmas, and all the attendant festivities it is a source of great anxiety to make very little go a long way. The selection of something useful as a present should always be the rule with the student of economy, nothing you can give will be more appreciated by the receiver, than an article to wear, it is sure to come in useful sometime. Now what could be better than to give father, brother or sweetheart, a good overcoat, a suit of clothes, a set of underwear, a pair of trousers, a pair of gloves, a pair of silk suspenders, a rain coat, a nice umbrella, one dozen linen collars, an article of neckwear, a night robe, or even a pair of box would be useful, and consequently would be appreciated. Grafton & Co., are making a special showing of all the above lines, and are selling them at prices that can be reached by the slenderest pocket book. Then for the boys such articles of wearing apparel as raglan overcoats for \$3.50; or sweaters for 1.95 or a suit from 1.95 up. These are all useful presents and would be more appreciated than some useless article so commonly given by fond parents. Grafton & Co., advise strongly the giving of some article of clothing and advise you to buy it from Grafton & Co. Opp City Hall, 20, 22 & 24 James St. North.

Masculine Service.

Union Lodge, No. 7 A.F. and A.M. Grimsby, accompanied by Brethren from Beamsville and Stoney Creek will attend divine service in the church of England on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21st at 2.30. The public are cordially invited to attend. Worshipful Brother the Rev. Wm. de la Rosa lately from Trinidad will preach.

The Freemasons of Grimsby have got new light. We do not mean that they have been removing the ancient landmarks which, they say, date back to King Solomon, but they have fitted up their lodge rooms with beautiful electric light fixtures. They now ought to go like lightning.

A meeting of Sympathy.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall, on Monday morning of last week for the purpose of dividing means for assisting J. A. Hewitt to re-build his Flaming Mill. Mr. W. Forbes acted as Chairman and W. B. Vandye as Secretary. On account of the dreadful accident which had occurred the night before, the meeting was not very largely attended. It was the unanimous opinion, however, of those present that the Village should assist Mr. Hewitt in re-building, and a resolution of sympathy was passed and ordered to be sent to him.

Another resolution was also passed, expressing the sorrow of the meeting at the fearful calamity that had visited the homes of some of our citizens, and ordered the Secretary to extend the sympathy of the meeting to the bereaved families.

The Proposition.

Is to provide place to place persons preferring to patronize a hotel where prohibition is practiced instead of preached. A hundred homes with a spare bed or two will not satisfy this commercial and social world. There must be a free mingling to do business. Come on now, you people in the majority. We have waited long for nothing, let us labor for something substantial. Ah, but you say, Blair is after what he has lost in the cause. That's not merciful, nor is it just, for I am in earnest in an attempt to interest you and get practical proof and profit for prohibitionists and for myself. If I can save money and help you to save lives and perhaps souls, why do you hesitate to join in. From only a cold minded standpoint one weak fellow might lose all, while a strong company would be successful. Come on now good people, let us do nice pure business and have a lot of fun with nothing stronger than Luce wine to entertain, I will guarantee many a laughable story and made

JOHN BLAIR.

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The Holiday buying you should do Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Thoughtful people give useful presents. Can you think of anything that would be more suitable for Christmas gifts than these lines.

Dress Lengths \$2.00 to \$10.00

Blouse Lengths \$1.25 to \$6.00

Tailors' Silk waists \$4.00 to \$7.00

Ladies' Fur Coats \$28.00 to \$38.00

Ladies' Fur Capes and Ruffs \$2.00 to \$35.00

Ladies' Fur Gownlets \$3.50 to \$4.00

Ladies' Regain Coats \$6.50 to \$20.00

Ladies' Guaranteed Kid Gloves \$1.00 to \$1.50

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, embroidered, lace Edge 100 to 750

Ladies' Holiday Umbrellas Novelty Handles of pearl with Sterling, Gold Wood Combinations \$2.00 to \$5.00

Christmas Linens, everything desirable.

Christmas Floor Rugs, Axminster, Velvet and Tapestry, \$1.50 to \$20.

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Holiday Fruits in the Grocery Dept.

The Proper Place to Purchase Your Raisins, Figs, Currants, Peels, Dates, Oranges, Nuts, Candies, and Table Raisins.

Best lemon orange peel, 15c lb.
New figs, 4 lbs for 35c.
Oranges next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, to each.
2 lbs mixed candy, 50c per lb.
Table knives and forks, \$2.75 to \$4.00.
Carving sets, 75c to \$2.50.
Pocket knives, 10c to \$1.25.
Hockey skates, 75c to \$2.00.

See our China, Dinner Ware and Fancy Pieces.

CALENDARS 1903.

A. F. Hawke

Mr. Foreman Gets a Ring.

Mr. Arthur E. Foreman, of Hamilton, son of Rev. H. J. Foreman, of this town, who has been for the last ten years in the Carpet Department with T. C. Watkins, of the Right House, has removed to Toronto to become assistant Manager in the Carpet Department of the Robert Simpson Co., establishment on Young Street.

Before leaving, a number of his friends from the Right House met at his home and presented him with a very costly and beautiful gold ring as a mark of their esteem and good will.

About two years ago, on the occasion of his marriage, the same parties presented him with a very handsome and expensive dinner set.

Village Council.

The Village Council held its regular December meeting on Monday evening Dec. 15th.

Reeve Wismer in the chair, Councillors Mitchell and Cole present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The O. T. R. wrote stating that the crossing repairs east of the station would be attended to.

Mr. Doran representing a deputation addressed the council and asked that a grant be made to assist Jas. A. Hewitt who met with such a severe loss by fire on Dec. 6th.

Moved by Mitchell seconded by Cole that the Clerk prepare a By-law to grant by way of bonus the sum of \$1000 to Jas. A. Hewitt to assist him to rebuild his mill lately burned in the village, and that this council hold a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18th, at 9 p.m. to consider same, and for other business. Carried.

Accounts to the amount of \$516.32 were passed.

W. Farrow who was wrongfully assessed for dog will receive \$1.00 back. Council adjourned.

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 May 31, '02 Oct 31, '02
 Capital, Paid-up \$ 740,711 \$1,173,478
 Reserve Fund 110,000 340,000
 Deposits 226,947 1,681,730
 Assets 1 153 543 2,855,308

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D. B. CROMBIE, Manager.

Beamsville, Dec. 17.

Mrs. D. B. Ivole has fully recovered
 after her recent illness.

Messrs. J. Jennings and D. Campbell, of
 Toronto, were guests at "Invergnie" over
 Sunday.

Miss Scott, of Amprior, is home for the
 holidays.

Miss Jean Gibson has returned from a
 pleasant visit in Toronto.

The town is rather quiet again since the
 departure of the model students. Inspector
 Ireland and Principal Talbot having
 completed the series of examinations on
 Friday.

Miss Cora Smith, of Jordan, was visit-
 ing friends in town last week.

A number of the citizens attended the
 funeral in Grimsby on Thursday.

Mr. R. Constable, of Thorold, has
 returned to town, to resume work in the
 Quarry.

Miss Astle and Master Lotne, of St.
 David, who have been the guests of Mrs.
 Wm. Astle have returned home.

Mrs. A. L. Gouge, who has had a severe
 attack of grippe is recovering.

Mr. C. E. Hall has secured the services
 of Miss Bertha Finbow for the Xmas
 season.

The children of the Presbyterian Sun-
 day School are busy preparing for the
 Annual Xmas tree. As the vocal part is
 under the leadership of Mr. H. Forsythe
 it is sure to be a brilliant success.

Miss Myrtle Book, of Grimsby, is the
 guest of her friend, Miss Bella Wood.

Miss Leamore and Norman Wright have
 returned from a visit at Burlington Beach.

Rev. S. M. Jones intends continuing his
 school after Xmas as he has a splendid
 class in training.

Some of our young men paid Grimsby
 a flying visit on Sunday night.

Mr. Floyd Nelson was visiting at the
 Orons House on Sunday.

Mr. Dupont Mavor has returned from a
 business trip to Chicago.

Very feeling references were made in
 the different churches on Sunday last, in
 memory of the sad bereavement which
 befell Grimsby on the Sunday night
 previous.

Beamsville Express Sold.

The Beamsville Express was offered for
 public sale on Friday of last week, but
 was held by the reserved bid, which was
 made up of claims by Mr. Higgins
 and Mr. Hywater. It was reported
 later Mr. Higgins had closed
 a deal with Mr. Hywater for the paper.

This is Our Own Norman.

From Kingston Daily British Whig, Dec. 24th
 The evening programme of the Con-
 cert in Cooke's Church, Kingston, Dec.
 2nd was a specially strong one. But
 of many there who were good, the
 entertainment of the evening was Norman
 G. McIntyre, of Beamsville, a member
 of Queen's Dramatic Club, who was
 twice recalled. Mr. McIntyre very
 quickly gained the favor of his audi-
 ence, and showed most decided dram-
 atic ability.

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We carry everything the farmer needs for
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 Saws, Axes, tools of all kinds. Cow Chains,
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You'll want your stoves set up and your stove pipes over-hauled.
 I'll do the work and save you time and trouble.

I've got a splendid second hand coal cook stove for sale cheap.

I have a few New Air Tights just in—will run off from 85 to 9

All kinds of Tinware, graminware, stoves, etc.

Repairs for any stove got promptly.

Best Engine Gasoline, the only right article for gasoline engines
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 and we do. Don't misjudge our little
 prices. These we speak of below for
 instance. They are equal to those
 sold in the high rent stores at half as
 much again and we ourselves have
 sold them for more. Groceries made
 up in every desirable fabric with good
 trimmings, \$7.00, Groceries, a special
 line at \$10.00.

Farrar, Clothier,
 5 Market Square.

Looking After the Drainage.

Alderman W. J. Reid has been busy
 during the past week arranging for the
 disposal of the water on King Street, and
 which will come down the hill along side
 of the new tramway. He has put in
 sewer pipe down Ontario Street as far as
 Revere Carr's house, and will convey all
 the water off King Street in that direction.
 The sewer pipe will be covered over so
 that it will give increased width to road
 and at the same time do effective work as
 a drain.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

My Planing Mill has been destroyed by
 fire, but I am pleased to be able to say
 that a large amount of lumber, shingles,
 lath, sash doors, etc., was saved, and I
 shall be pleased to have all my old cus-
 tomers and as many new ones as will
 favor me with their patronage. Call on
 me and I will supply your wants to the
 best of my ability. I shall be pleased to
 receive any contracts for new building
 and carpenter work.

Jan. A. Hewitt,
 opp Town Hall,
 Telephone 23

High Tariff Vs. Low Tariff.

The great question before Canadians
 to-day is the tariff. From one end to
 the other of this broad Dominion the
 question of a high or low tariff is being
 discussed. Honest discussion is what
 the people of Canada want. It will be
 interesting to know that the Family
 Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal
 has opened its columns for a full and
 free discussion of this important
 question. The leaders of both political

parties are invited to give their views.
 Farmers, manufacturers, importers, etc.,
 will have an opportunity to express
 themselves. The Family Herald, being
 a purely non-political paper, absolutely
 independent of all political parties or
 interests, is the one paper in Canada
 wherein such an open discussion can
 be carried on. With the Family
 Herald and Weekly Star's immense
 circulation at every post office in the
 Dominion, this will be a splendid op-
 portunity for the leaders of both parties
 to air their views on the tariff question,
 and the public will naturally expect to
 hear from them through the Family
 Herald and Weekly Star. The dis-
 cussion will be watched and read with
 interest.

Another Railroad.

The Niagara, St. Catharines and
 Toronto Railroad Company has decided
 to continue their line from Port Dal-
 housie to Hamilton. Ground was
 broken at Port Dalhousie last week.
 In an interview with Mr. E. E. Selous,
 THE INDEPENDENT was informed that
 it had been definitely decided long
 ago to extend the line to Hamilton,
 but on account of being delayed with
 work in New York State, and further
 on account of the fact that it was im-
 possible to get men this fall, the work
 was laid over until spring. As soon
 as it is possible in the spring to work
 the ground, the construction work
 will be pushed forward in order to
 reach Hamilton next year if possible.
 Mr. Selous says that the road now
 controls sufficient through freight to
 earn running expenses and he expects
 to develop large fruit and passenger
 trade along the route of the new road.
 The road will run close to the lake
 from Port Dalhousie to Jordan Harbor,
 it will then strike Beamsville, Grimsby
 Park and Grimsby, and continue from
 Grimsby on the south side of the
 Grand Trunk close to that road until
 Wilmot is reached then it will take
 Ritten Street and run straight into
 Hamilton.

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Christmas Shopping

One Saturday—only four shopping days—remain to
 complete your Christmas shopping. Shop in safe stores—
 it is so embarrassing to give a present that falls short of one's
 intentions. This big store is perfectly safe for the more-or-
 less hurried holiday shopping. We not only promise to make
 things right but have made sure that things are right. Shop
 as soon as you can, and in the morning, if possible. Every
 department has its best offerings to the front and the choice
 offered you is the best that can be had in the Niagara district

This store will be open evenings:
 Saturday, Dec. 26th, 10 o'clock p. m.
 Monday, Dec. 27th, 8:30 o'clock p. m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 8:30 o'clock p. m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 10 o'clock p. m.

Bargains in Men's Boots, For Saturday.

This is a very opportune offering for men to save 50c and 75c on
 the regular price of felt and long boots. These are good boots for win-
 ter wear. The descriptions and prices speak for themselves. They
 will be on sale Saturday in the Shoe Department.

Men's Felt Boots; Boston calf; 4 buckles; felt lined to toes; **\$1.25**
 felt tops; all sizes; reg. price \$1.75; Saturday
 Men's Felt Boots; oil grain leather, felt lined to the toe **\$1.50**
 and felt tops; all sizes; reg. \$2.00; Saturday
 Men's Long Boots; solid leather pegged soles; all new **\$1.50**
 goods; all sizes; reg. \$2.25; Saturday

Novelty Goods.

Ebony Goods.
 Real ebony hair brushes, direct from
 Dupont, the maker, France.
 Best French Brushes; \$1.25 to \$2;
 with sterling silver mountings \$1.50
 to \$2.25.
 Real ebony clothes brushes, \$1.25;
 \$1.50; with sterling silver mount-
 ings, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
 Real ebony hat brushes, 75c; with
 mountings \$1; handled hat brushes,
 60c.
 Real ebony military brushes, pair,
 \$2.25 to \$3; with sterling silver
 mountings, \$2.75 to \$3.50.
 Real ebony hand mirrors, with best
 bevel plate glass; \$1.25 to \$1.75.
 Gold plated photo frames, 65c to \$1.50
 Mirrors \$1.25 to \$1.75; paper
 weights in onyx and stand, \$1 to
 \$1.50; ink stands, \$1 to \$3; Can-
 labra, \$1 to \$3; handled hat brushes,
 \$1.25 to \$1.50.
 Smoker's metal sets, \$1.25 to \$2;
 metal match and tooth-pick holders,
 35c to 75c; metal canlabras, from
 35c to 75c.
 Mirrors with oxidized frames, \$1 to \$2.
 Bevel glass mirrors on easels \$1 each.
 Hand mirrors, 10c to 85c.

Toys.

Cutters, 60c; with railing, 70c; hand
 rail, ewan necks, \$1.50.
 Baby's sleigh, solid wooden box, re-
 versible handles, \$1 up to \$1.75.
 Steel body, nicely painted, strong steel
 axle, steel wheels, \$2.75; \$3.
 Express wagons, wood wagons, wood
 boxes, iron wheels, \$1.19 to \$2.50.
 Wheel borrows, iron box and iron
 wheel, 40c, 75c; all wood, 15c.
 Drums, 25c to \$1.
 Whips, 5c to 25c.
 Reins, 15c to 35c.
 Building blocks, 25c.
 Chiffoneries, desks, rideboards, 25c.
 Sewing machines, \$2.
 Tool chests, 25c to \$1.
 Jack-in-box, 50c to 25c.
 Dishes, 5c to \$1.50.
 Cruets, 20, 25c.
 Trunks, 25, 75c.
 Dolls, rockers, high chairs, 10c, 15c;
 cradles and beds, 25c.
 Chairs, 10c.
 Metallaphones, 50c.
 Horns, \$1.50 to \$4.50.
 Punch and Judy, 50c.
 Magic lantern, 50c to \$1.50.
 Red, white and blue horn, 10c.
 Horns, 5 to 25c.
 Musical toy, 10, 15c.
 Tops, 5c to 15c.
 Soldiers' suits, 50c to \$1.25.
 Man in swing, 25c.
 Jumping jacks, 25c.
 Pop gun, 5c to 25c.
 Swords, 25c.

Basement.

Toilet Sets.
 Printed 10 piece toilet sets, \$1.50 to
 \$10.
 Printed 12 piece toilet sets, \$7.50 to
 \$14.
Vases.
 Austrian blue vases, 15c to \$1.90.
 Doulton vases \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5,
 \$5.50, \$6, \$7.50, \$9, \$10 and \$11.
 English art pottery vases, 25c to \$2.25.

Lamps.

Reception lamps, \$1 up to \$17.50.
 Hanging lamps, with canopy spring,
 very best brass material, made by
 the famous Bradley & Hubbard
 Manufacturing Co., of New York,
 \$4, \$5.50 and \$7.50.

Dinner Sets.

98 piece dinner sets \$3.95 to \$12.
Silks.
 20 inch Japan taffeta, Lyons' dye and
 finish, 30 shades, 25c yard
 27 inch Japan taffeta, full variety of
 colors, 50c yard
 21 inch Geisha silk, 15 shades, 50c
 yard.
 30 inch French taffeta, latest shades for
 waists, 75c yard.
 Black Moire silk, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.
 Cream Moire silk, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Black Taffeta.

20 inch black taffeta, 50c; 23 inch, 65c
 23 inch, 75c; 26 inch, \$1.

Peau De Soie.

20 inch black Peau De Soie, 75c; 22
 inch, \$1; 23 inch, \$1.25; 23 inch,
 \$1.50
 A large range of ladies' silk patterns in
 lengths of 3 1/2 yards, each at \$1,
 1.25, 1.50 2, and \$2.50 yard.

Gloves.

Perrins "Lassalle," in black, white, tan
 brown, gray, navy, natural beavers;
 a clasp; gusset fingers; embroidered-
 ed backs in black, white and self, \$1.
 Perrins "Marchioness" French kid,
 in black, white, tan, brown, gray, navy,
 beavers, a clasp, gusset fingers, em-
 broidered backs, in black, white and
 self, \$1.25.
 "Lucille," in black only, Perrin's best
 French kid, a clasp, embroidered
 back in white and self, \$1.50
 Wertheimer's peerless, French kid,
 brown, navy, oxford, black, pique
 sewn, a fastener, Paris point, \$1.25.
 Wertheimer's "majestic" in black, white
 beavers, browns, grays, tussa, pique
 sewn, gusset fingers, Paris point, a
 society fastener, \$1.50.
 Trefousse Beatrice France Suede
 gloves in grays, beavers, black, 3
 clasps, embroidered in black, white
 self, \$1.25.
 Trefousse Foster Lacing in black only
 \$1.25.
 Washing kid gloves in pearl gray only,
 a pearl clasp, \$1.50.
 French Suede Gloves in black and
 gray, pique seam, a pearl clasp,
 \$1.50.
 Perrin's silk lined Mocha, in black and
 grays, a clasp pique seam, \$1.50.
 Mocha gloves in brown and grays, a
 clasp, pique seam, \$1.
 Mocha gloves in brown, fawn and
 grays, a clasp, pique seam, \$1.25.
 Evening Suede Gloves, elbow length
 black, \$2; \$1.75.

Centre Tables.

Parlor, solid oak, 24x24 inch top, fancy
 turned legs, brass claw feet, \$2.50.
 Parlor; quarter cut oak and birch
 mahogany; clover leaf design; under
 shelf, \$3.50.
 Parlor; chippendale design; quarter
 cut oak; top 24x24; under bracket,
 neatly designed, \$4.50.
 Mahogany; colonial style; highly
 polished, correct drawing room table
 \$5.

McLAREN & Co. LIMITED
 ST. CATHARINES.

Facts and Fancies.

(Continued from page 1.)

On the day following, the stock declined still further, until the depreciation in the two days amounted to over twenty millions dollars.

This fearful drop was caused by the shutting down of the Clorgue Steel Rail Mills at Saulte Ste. Marie.

These mills were built for the purpose of converting our Canadian ore into steel rails, and have succeeded in securing orders enough to keep them running up to the present time.

All the orders were filled, however, and the mills had to be shut down last week.

This was caused by the slaughter prices of German steel rails, which are allowed to come into Canada "free of duty."

There is a "screw loose" somewhere. Railways are bound to run to iron mines. Bounties are offered to Steel Rail Mills to work up the iron ore, and then the whole scheme is allowed to be knocked down to the extent of over twenty million, by letting another country send its steel rails at slaughter prices "free of duty."

Taris drew attention to this matter several months ago, but his "warning" was allowed to go unheeded. Now of course the "bar door" will be locked after the "horse" has been stolen.

Canada is getting too big for one-horse politicians.

It is easy to prove that the gun isn't loaded immediately after the accident.—Montreal Star.

Quite so! But by that time the victim is generally past being convinced.

It is hard for the man who is flat on his back to face the world.—Exchange.

That's so! But he can follow the instruction to "look upwards."

Dundas has the unique, if unenviable, distinction of being one of the few places in which the prohibitionists did not get a majority.—Dundas Banner.

That's nothing extraordinary, after reading the three Dundas papers each week, the people of Dundas feel so dry that they must "drink" or bust.

And that's not all. There's a lot of people in Dundas who don't know that there was a vote on prohibition. In about a month or so they will hear about it and be sorry that they lost their vote.

At a meeting of the Conservatives, of St. Catharines, held on Friday night last, W. B. Burgoyne was nominated as a candidate for the mayoralty for 1903.

Now Billy we buy be careful. You know what they said about you last year.

You don't want to drink, dance, smoke, cheer, spit, swear, tell lies, treat or wink at the girls for the next three weeks, or your goose is cooked again.

If a man gets the name of being "good" he's got to be "good" and if he makes the least "break" he's a gone-sucker.

But a "bad" man like Charley Wilson can "cut loose" in all directions and nobody thinks anything about it. In fact, people expect him to be bad, and if he ain't they think he's sick.

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So Billy be careful. Oh do be careful.

I see by the daily papers that there was a million cigars went "up in smoke" in Montreal the other night.

That's nothing. I never knew a cigar (except one) that wouldn't go "up in smoke" if it got half a chance.

The one I refer to wasn't a bad looking cigar, but go "up in smoke" go "down in smoke" or go "any other old way in smoke" it wouldn't, and I'm gosh darned if I could make it.

I got it at a hotel in Grimsby (I forgot now what the hotel keeper said he paid for it) on a treat—that was the only consolation I had—it cost me nothing, but I spent a lot of time and energy on it and still it wouldn't "go up in smoke."

I rolled it, I rubbed it, I stabbed it with my knife, I pinched it, I punched it, I pulled for all my life. I rammed it, I jammed it, I threw it in the well, The man that sold me that cigar Should take a trip to Kalamazoo.

The war between Venezuela and England and Germany is the most civil war ever fought. The Venezuelan Government has put all the English and German residents of Caracas in jail, to prevent them getting hurt; and the Anglo-German fleet has sunk the Venezuelan navy, to save the Venezuelan sailors from the awful risk of going to sea in it.—Montreal Star.

Yes, and Castro wants to "arbitrate" to find out whether he should pay his debts or not.

If they abolish the bar in Ontario, there will be an exodus of lawyers to Quebec—and of their clients too.—A Quebec Paper.

One trip will do them. Anyone who gets one dose of Quebec rot-gut will never want another.

Lake Michigan had a close call. Capt. Corson brought her over from Oswego through an awful Lake Erie gale.—Hamilton Spectator.

Well, well! Is not that shocking? A steamboat brought over from Oswego to Hamilton through an "awful Lake Erie" gale.

Seems to me that steamboat captain was going to a lot of bother to go up to "Lake Erie" for a gale when he could have had all the gale he wanted on Lake Ontario.

Is the Spectator quite sure that it wasn't a "Welland Canal gale?"

I don't see how a "Lake Erie gale" could get at a boat on Lake Ontario without coming down the "Welland Canal" and being effected by the fierce breeze that sometimes blow along that waterway. Study your geography spunky.

4th.—That in future no expense re McKinnon prizes be paid by this council—Report of Education Committee at County Council.

There's a good thing! The council has got tired footing the bills for the McKinnon prizes.

Here's a nice little item in the committee's report:

W. W. Ireland McKinnon prizes, \$28.70	
A. J. Painter " " 5.40	
W. Jamieson " " 2.90	
A. N. Meyer " " 6.40	
A. N. Zimmerman " " 4.80	
J. A. Dale " " 7.80	
	55.20

That's the way the money goes, pop goes the weasel, but the county won't pay the shot anymore.

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W. F. Maclean, M.P., Managing Editor of the World, has a newspaper with over 28,000 regular subscribers, which is the largest exclusive morning circulation of any paper published in Canada.

The World has been aptly named "Canada's Brightest Newspaper." It has nearly 1,500 daily subscribers in Hamilton.

In sending money through the mail postal notes should be used. They are the safest and best mail currency, and any profit made in the post office department goes directly back to the people.

A Paper for Boys.

"East and West. A Paper for Young Canadians" is the attractive title of a handsome, eight page illustrated weekly, issued from the Publication Offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Toronto. It well deserves success. Its literary standard is high, and the printers have spared no pains to make it a credit mechanically. The opening continued story is by J. Macdonald Oxley, illustrated by J. E. Laughlin, both of them Canadians and each well known in his own special field. A story by Ralph Connor is promised in an early number. Indeed, the whole atmosphere of the paper is wholesomely Canadian and we should expect that East and West will meet a warm welcome outside as well as within the Presbyterian Church. Rev. R. Douglas Fraser and Rev. J. M. Duncan are the editors.

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Nearly every person wants to take an outside paper as well as their own local paper. In order that the readers of THE INDEPENDENT may have a little money on their outside subscription, THE INDEPENDENT has made arrangements by which it can give all the best papers of Canada at a reduction when clubbing with THE INDEPENDENT for instance, you can get THE INDEPENDENT and the Toronto Globe for \$1.60, THE INDEPENDENT and the Mail for \$1.70, THE INDEPENDENT and the Herald and Weekly Star for \$1.75, THE INDEPENDENT and the Hamilton Spectator or Times at \$1.75, and THE INDEPENDENT and the Farmers Advocate at \$1.75, and THE INDEPENDENT and the Farm & Home at \$1.15, THE INDEPENDENT and the Canadian Poultry Review \$1.15. Other papers at a similar low rate when ordered with THE INDEPENDENT.

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The Story of the Black Dog.

By C. K. BURROW.

The following mysterious story is taken from C. W. Burrow's new book, "Fairy Tales of the Hills." The narrator is an elderly lady, Mrs. Charteris, who relates the incident as an example of Irish folk-tale, but who more than half believes it.

My grandfather, Patrick Gavan, of Fermoy, was a quiet man to look at—slight, neither tall nor short, with a face that was always pale, dead pale, and eyes that never shined from man or devil. But, though he looked quiet, he was as wild a roystering fellow as ever stepped on two feet, ready to do the first thing that came into his head, good or bad; it was his misfortune that the bad came the easiest. He had a way with him that made him welcome wherever he went, and many a man, and many a woman, too, read the day that Patrick Gavan's black eyes first crossed theirs. Well, he married at last, and took his bride to the house on the banks of the Blackwater. She was a lovely, sweet creature, gentle and timid, as you may see from her portrait there; they were as badly matched as tiger and fawn, and she soon began to droop. He was not unkind to her; my grandfather never ill-used a woman; but after a time he took to his old ways, and she just sat down and watched and wondered where it would end. He was a terribly hard drinker, but his head was so strong that he himself seldom got drunk, and one of his delights was to get together a dozen of his wisest neighbors at a great dinner, and see them go under the table one by one. When this kind of thing was going on, his wife would sit in her own room and listen and tremble; once she had tried to get in, but the door was locked, which frightened her more than if she had seen the poor fools soaking their brains within. She crept back to her little oratory and spent the night on her knees, praying for herself, husband and the child that was to call him father.

When the child was born, and for a month after, my grandfather was quiet as a lamb; that was the happiest time of the woman's life, for he would carry the boy up and down, and up and down, never tiring, while she watched him from the bed as she was too weak to leave. She thought to herself that her prayers were answered, and that Patrick was a changed man; and he saw what was in her mind and kept a tight hold on himself; but after a time the devil got him by the throat again, and he must needs be at the old tricks.

The fancy that took him was to have one of his dinners, and he arranged it all without telling a word reach his wife; but, in case she should hear, he invited Father Coghlan, the priest who had christened the boy, with the rest. When the night came the poor sick lady was lying in her room, and he went to her before the guests arrived—I dare say feeling remorseful at heart—and sat down with the boy on his knees.

"Is it cold?" she asked.

"Yes, and with snow on the ground," said he.

"I'm sorry for that."

"Why, ma shuidhe?"

"Nothing," she said, and stretched a thin hand to him across the bed. He took it in his and kissed it. "It's a cold little hand," he said.

"As cold as a snowflake," said she, and smiled softly, and asked for the boy. He laid him on her breast, and she closed her eyes and seemed to sleep. Then he went down to receive the mad guests.

After the eating was over and the wine carried in (those were the darkest drinking days, you must remember), my grandfather locked the door, as usual, and clapped a brace of loaded pistols on the table. "The man who stirs from this room," said he, "before the last bottle is empty, knows what to expect."

Everyone there, except Father Coghlan, was used to this business of the pistol. The priest looked from them to the locked door and back at Gavan with a queer light in his eyes, but he said nothing—only rubbed his chin and drew his under lip back over his teeth.

Well, the drinking began, and went on hour after hour. My grandfather sat pale and upright at the head of his table, while the air grew hotter and the fumes of the liquor reeked stronger and stronger; the table was all splashed and dabbled with wine, men's heads were wet with it; some of them fell forward with spread arms and slept; others slipped to the ground and lay there like logs.

I know this is not a pretty story for a woman to tell, but it's true, and I can see it all. God help the men, I say, who did such things!

There Patrick Gavan sat, and his own glass was never empty; neither was the priest's, but when he raised it it was only to moisten his lips. All the time he watched my grandfather, and ever his face grew harder, and gray with a kind of bitter sadness. At last Gavan saw that he was not drinking, and rose.

"Father Coghlan," he said, "drink."

"A host does not command his guests," said the priest.

"I command mine," cried the other. "I shall not drink, and I bid you open that door and let me go."

My grandfather caught and balanced one of the pistols in his hand.

"You can't frighten me," said the priest. "I command you, in God's name, to open that door, and let me leave this hell's kitchen!"

"Drinki!" said Gavan, setting a "fair-tillage."

At that moment Father Coghlan lifted a warning hand.

"Hush!" he said, "I hear a cry!"

"It's the wind."

"It's no wind, but a child or a woman."

"I hear nothing. Drink!"

As the last word left his lips, there came a hurried scratching at the door; a minute later it sounded under the window. The two men looked at each other, the priest had gone as pale as death, but he stood ready, with the fingers of one hand clasped tightly round a cross which he wore. The scratching went on, and my grandfather moved to the window and opened it, still carrying the pistol in his hand. A black dog leaped into the room, and a breath of cold air fol-

lowed him. The dog's coat was dry, and his feet were dry, and he made no marks upon the polished floor.

The creature ran around and sniffed at the drunken sleepers, turned aside from the priest, and then paused before Gavan, with his eyes shining like coals, and his tongue lolling out at the side of his mouth. It was no dog of my grandfather's, nor had he ever seen it before.

"Go to hell!" he cried, and fled full at its head. The lock snapped, and there the dog still stood, watching, with his wicked eyes fixed on Gavan, and his red tongue quivering. Just then they both heard a cry, clear and shrill as the call of a peewit; the dog lifted his black head, and in a second had jumped through the open window without a sound.

There was no need for the priest to speak again; in a flash my grandfather had the door open, and they both ran upstairs to the wife's room. She was lying dead, with the child asleep on her breast, and on her hand, as plain as letters in a book, was a red mark in the shape of a dog's tongue.

You might have supposed that this would change my grandfather's life. Well, it did, for some years. He looked after the boy, taught him to ride as soon as he could walk, gave him all the freedom that was good for him, and perhaps more, and saw him grow up into a fine healthy lad who could hold his own in any exercise of skill or endurance, and had a sound brain as well. But I think it must be the hardest thing in the world for a man who has once led the kind of life my grandfather was used to to leave it altogether behind him. When the boy no longer needed his personal protection, and the occupation of teaching him had passed to other hands, he began to cast back to the old ways; and if these had been bad in the young man they were ten times worse in the old. Yet he had a curious delicacy in everything that affected my father, gave him good counsel from the depths of his own experience, and concealed from him the unkind phrases in his own life. But the lad heard stories and kept his eyes open, and knew many things which his father would have given his heart's blood to conceal. The boy, however, had a clean, upright soul, and his mother's strain in the good; and so escaped the fire.

One day my grandfather rode back with his horse all a-team from a place some twenty miles away, where he had been on no good errand. Times and customs had changed for the better, and there were no young men to fill up the place of the dead who had been his fellows in his wicked carousals. But there were still five or six left, and these he had bidden to a dinner; my father, he thought, was away, but during the day he had returned, and hearing what was afoot, had made up his mind to slip into the butler's little room, which opened out of the dining-room, when the servants were dismissed.

When Patrick Gavan reached home it was already evening; he had ridden hard and far, and was in no condition to enter upon the night's work, but that fact made him the more determined to see it through. He dressed hurriedly, and by the time the guests were to arrive he was ready. But the hour struck and passed, and no guests came; and then, turning to the calendar, he found that he had made a mistake in the date, and that that day's preparations should have been made for the morrow. However, he sat down to table, where all the covers were laid, and had every course served, and the wine brought in; and when the time came, he sent the servants away, locked the door, and laid the pistols beside him.

It was winter again, and the night was still and cold. The house was as quiet as an empty room, so that the sound of the Blackwater running at the foot of the garden could be heard where my grandfather sat. He shivered, and threw more logs on the fire, which already blazed like a furnace; then he began to drink.

The hours slipped by until it was past midnight, at which time Gavan rose and addressed each empty place in turn, as though his friends were there, asking them to drink with him; but there were only six places laid, and he called twelve names, and the last that he called was Father Coghlan's.

"Father Coghlan," he cried, "drink!" He stood with his glass raised, and his gaze fixed at the level of a man's eyes, his pale face set in a grim smile. He saw the priest before him as plainly as I see you, and he must have heard him speak as well, for after a time he said:

"I hear nothing. Drink!"

And then, on a sudden, there came a scratching at the door. The glass slipped from his hand and some wine splashed upon the table; but he stood splashed upon the table, drank, and sat down; still looking toward the place where the priest had sat. Presently where the priest had sat, but a moment later it sounded from beneath the window. At that Gavan's jaw dropped, and a great broke out upon his white face, but he did not stir. The scratching went on, low at first, and then

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louder and fiercer, until it seemed like a voice calling to him to open; after a time it drew him to his feet and a few paces toward the window, and as it increased it drew him farther, until at last his hand was on the bar of the shutter; and he threw the shutter back and opened the window, and a black dog leapt into the room. His coat was wet, as though he had swum the river, and his head was wet, but he made no mark upon the floor. His eyes were blazing, and his tongue was lolling out of his mouth; but there was no sound of breathing nor any sign of moisture about the jaws.

My grandfather walked back to the table, took up a pistol, and sat down. The dog ran around the room, sniffing at every vacant place, and then paused before Gavan. He took a steady sight and pulled the trigger; the lock snapped, and there the dog stood still, with his wicked eyes on my grandfather's face.

And then my father, who was watching all this from the little room, heard a clear, shrill cry, though whether Gavan uttered it he could not tell, and the black dog ran past the chair and around it, the pistol fell, and the creature was across the floor and out of the window quick as the shadow of a flying bird.

The boy broke out of his bitter place, hot with terror. Patrick Gavan was dead, and on his right hand was a red mark in the shape of a dog's tongue.

A Little Study in Expression.

"Life."



Brother Smoot—Ah, you, brother and sister, I feel tonight that I ought to confess, in the words of the apostle that I am "the chief of sinners," and—



Who said "Amen?"

Last week a man entered the cafe of one of the clubs in New York, called for a glass of brandy, drank it and fell dead. The incident recalls the story of poor Frank Brower, to whom a new barkeeper at the Metropolitan Hotel said, "Just pay for that brandy before you drink it!" "What?" stammered Brower; "is it so in-instantaneous as that?"

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John—Not yet, ma'am. I must 'eat the green-house first!" "Thank."

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Special Session County Council

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln, met in session by order of the Warden at the Court House in the City of St. Catharines, on Saturday the 13th day of December A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock a.m. to take into consideration a by-law respecting a proposed electric railway along the Queenston and Grimsby Road in the Townships of Grantham and Niagara, and for other purposes.

Present—The Warden in the Chair, and Messrs. Greene, Clarke, Dalrymple, Crowe and Zimmerman.

The Notice calling the Meeting was read by Clerk.

A Petition from H. L. Christy and others re proposed electric railway was read.

A letter from Secretary of Collegiate Institute Board was read.

NOTICE OF MOTION.
Mr. Crowe gives notice that he will this afternoon introduce a by-law to amend by-law No. 425, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the Communication from the Collegiate Institute just read be referred to the Committee on Education. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Clarke, that this Council go into Committee of the whole to discuss a proposed by-law for this Council to the contrary notwithstanding. Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole with Mr. Crowe in the Chair.

The Council resumed at 3.25 o'clock p.m.

The Warden in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the proposed by-law re electric rail road over the Queenston and Grimsby Road as amended be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the by-law just read, be now read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to amend by-law No. 425, entitled a by-law respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, and that the same be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the by-law respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, just read, be now read a second and third time and do pass, the Warden and Clerk sign and seal the same and its title be as in the motion. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Greene, that this Council do now adjourn. Carried.

Council Chamber, Dec. 13th, 1903.
JOHNSON CLERK
County Clerk.

VINEMOUNT.

Joseph Barlow, the enterprising poultry breeder, of this place is building a fine chicken coop and expects cost money to be able to supply his many customers with stock and eggs from his own fowls. At the recent poultry show in Hamilton he won first and second money on his Golden Bantam. Previous to this he won 2 first prizes at various shows.

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Rev. D. Allen attended the Quarterly services on Sunday, the 14th at Attlecliffe.

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If more candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling sub-divisions within the said district on Monday the fifth day of January 1904.

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The funerals of the three victims of the accident at the G. T. R. Station on the night of Sunday, Dec. 7th, took place on Thursday afternoon last from the Methodist Church. The whole town had been in mourning for the week and never has there been such an exhibition of sympathy and heart-felt sorrow as was exhibited by the enormous concourse of people, who came together on Thursday last to show respect and to perform the last sad rites to the three young people who were so suddenly and fearfully snatched from our midst.

Early on the morning of Thursday the three caskets which had become mounds of flowers were removed from the town hall and placed in front of the pulpit of the Methodist Church. The church was not draped in any way excepting the pulpit; the people's sorrow and affection, taking flowers as the emblem of their mourning, and no more beautiful sight could be witnessed than the banks of flowers that covered and surrounded the caskets.

Never was there such a crowd of people together in Grimsby to pay respect to the dead. The hour of the service was set for two o'clock and long before that time the body of the church was filled to the doors. The caskets were placed in fact the sides and vestibules was also crowded to over flowing.

The casket containing the remains of Miss Maud Hughes stood a little to one side of the pulpit in front. The casket containing all that was mortal of Miss Gertrude Hainer occupied a similar position on the other side, while the casket containing the remains of Harry M. Bready stood higher on the platform in the centre.

The floral offerings were most beautiful and room could scarcely be found for them on and around the caskets. The Village Council placed a large pillow of most beautiful flowers on each casket. The 19th. Regiment, of St. Catharines, of which Harry M. Bready was a member, sent a beautiful design in the shape of the letter "A" Harry being a member of Company "A." Bands of boys and girls around the village who had been on intimate terms with the deceased, clustered together and brought wreaths, pillows, crosses and crucifixes and floral designs of all kinds and placed them upon the caskets. Religious societies also sent beautiful floral designs as well as many friends of the families. Private individuals also, who were not related, showed their deep sympathy by sending beautiful flowers, so that although the death of the young people was sudden and tragic all that could be possibly done to remove the sting was done by kind and sympathetic friends in preparing the bodies for burial.

The services in the church were conducted by Rev. W. F. Hollisrake, Rev. A. B. Cohoe and Rev. John Muir. Rev. A. B. Cohoe delivering the funeral address. It was a most trying position for Mr. Cohoe, the three young people having attended his church on Sunday evening and five minutes after leaving the church door had been ushered into eternity. His remarks were most beautiful, forcible and suitable to the occasion and they will no doubt leave a lasting impression on many a mind.

The music was provided by a large choir picked from all the village churches, Mrs. W. Mitchell presiding

at the organ. Miss Annie Plain and Miss William Brodie sang in sweetly solemn tones "On the Resurrection Morning." The hymns by the choir were "Jesus Lover of my Soul" and "Rock of Ages."

The pallbearers for Miss Hainer were, Jas. Farewell, Fred Oakes, Harry Schwab, Roy Johnson, Herbert Gilmore and Chas. Plain. For Miss Hughes they were, E. Hunter, Clara Patterson, Jesse Angle, Hall Book, Harry Anderson and Harry Oake.

On account of the arrival of Mr. J. R. Bready, of Emo, Ont., the interment of the body of Harry M. Bready did not take place Thursday afternoon, but took place on Friday afternoon after the arrival of the boy's father.

It was a sad sight indeed, and one that will never be forgotten by the hundreds of people who witnessed it, to see the two hearse move slowly away from the church door bearing all that was mortal of two bright and beautiful young women, born and reared in the village, and loved and respected by a large circle of friends.

The funeral procession almost reached from the church to the cemetery, and although a blizzard was blowing off the lake, hundreds of ladies followed the hearse to the graveside.

Graves were dug in the centre of Queen's Lawn Cemetery side by side, and the most beautiful lot in the cemetery was reserved for the dead. Harry Bready's grave is the centre one and on the right hand side lies Miss Gertrude Hainer, and on the left hand side lies Miss Maud Hughes. The Rev. C. R. Lee read the beautiful funeral service of the Church of England, and the Rev. A. B. Cohoe closed the service with a short prayer.

Lieutenant F. C. McCordick, Commanding Officer of Co. "A," 19th. Regiment, St. Catharines, and Quarter Masters Sergeant, T. Farrell, of the 19th. Regiment, were present to pay their last respects to Bugler Bready, and to extend their sympathy on behalf of "A" Company to the private members of the company's family. Mr. Walker, G. T. R. Station Agent, and Mr. Morgan, G. T. R. Ticket Agent, at Hamilton, were present. A large number of friends of the deceased young ladies were present from Hamilton, Toronto, St. Catharines and other places. Miss Kneeland, cousin of Harry Bready, and Miss Edith Bready, his only sister, of Strathroy, arrived in Grimsby Tuesday night and remained until after the funeral.

The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Mr. J. C. Marlatt, and he was assisted by Mr. W. Camp, Undertaker, of Smithville. After the funeral Mr. Marlatt took charge of the beautiful floral offerings and sent them to the homes of Miss Hughes and Miss Hainer, where they were viewed by many sorrowing friends, and afforded at least one bright spot in the dark cloud that hung over those homes.

Mr. J. R. Bready arrived in Grimsby, on Friday morning, and the funeral of his son took place on Friday afternoon. The pallbearers were, A. Leishman, Jesse Angle, Henry Oake, Jas. Blair, Irvin Hammel and Robt. Snyder. Rev. W. F. Hollisrake conducted the service.

Dr. Goodman and the twelve jurors completed the inquest on Thursday morning, Dec. 11th, and the jury re-

turned their verdict. A large number of witnesses were examined and their evidences put in brief, were:

First—That the bodies of Harry M. Bready, Gertrude Hainer and Maud Hughes were found on the south track of the G. T. Railroad in the station yard at Grimsby, on Sunday night, Dec. 7th, about 10:30.

Second—That the three young people came to their death by being struck by the west bound express, which passed through the station at 8:35.

Third—That at the same time or a few moments sooner a freight train passed east on the north track.

Fourth—That the last seen of the young people was about one or two minutes before the accident, when they were seen about fifty yards from the track on Depot street by Jas. Blair, they were then going north toward the tracks.

Fifth—According to the evidences of all the train hands the usual signals were given for the station and the crossing, and that no one of the train hands, not even the engineer of the express had seen anyone, either around or on the crossing.

Sixth—That the crossing at the G. T. R. Station in Grimsby is a most dangerous one and in the opinion of many witnesses should have a night watchman or gates.

JURY VERDICT.

That Miss M. Hughes, Miss Gertrude Hainer and Mr. H. M. Bready came to their deaths on the evening of Sunday, the 7th Dec. 1902, at the Depot street crossing of the G. T. R. in the Village of Grimsby, at 8:35 p.m., by being struck by the locomotive of the west bound express, No. 17 of the G. T. R.

The Jury further find that the fatality was due to culpable neglect of the authorities or the G. T. R. Co. in not providing gates or night watchman, and lights at the said crossing, to safeguard the lives of people using the thoroughfare, on which 5 tracks of the said Railroad are now laid.

The Jury are of the opinion that the Legislative and Municipal representatives of the County of Lincoln should

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The grocery windows, dressed by Mr. Stuts, are also very fine, and while it is not possible to make as handsome a window with groceries as dry goods, yet, Mr. Stuts deserves credit for the handsome display of good things which he sets forth in the grocery windows.

North Grimsby Council.

North Grimsby Council met in the town hall on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1902 at 11 a.m. Reeve Thomas W. Allan in the chair, Councillors Bamber, Hagar, Nelles and Walker present.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Road Commissioner Hurst for the east, and Road Commissioner Walker for the west handed in their reports.

A By-law appointing places and the returning officers for the election was passed. The polling places and nomination places will be as usual. The returning officers will be John Kerman at Grimsby Park, and Chas. B. Hockey at Dr. Alway's school house.

A number of accounts were passed including \$11.34 the township share of the new table placed in the town hall by W. Forbes.

The council adjourned.

Notice to Fruit Growers.

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Continued from last week.

"Tell me this," she said, leaning forward, patting one hand on my shoulder, while she seemed to look through the very soul of me—her face grew deadly pale, and her lips trembled, as I'd seen them do once before when she was regular beyond herself—will you take me with you when you go for good and all? I'm ready to follow you round the world. Don't be afraid of my temper. No woman that ever lived ever did more for the man she loved than I'll do for you. If Jeanie's good to Jim—and you know she is—I'll be twice the woman to you, or I'll die for it. Don't speak! she went on; I know I threw you over once. I was mad with rage and shame. You know I had cause, hadn't I, Dick? You know I had. To spite you, I throw away my own life then; now it's a misery and a torment to me every day I live. I can bear it no longer, I tell you. It's killing me—killing me day by day. Only say the word, and I'll join you in Melbourne within a week—to be yours, and yours only, as long as I live."

I didn't think there was that much of the loving nature about her. She used to vex me by being hard and uncertain when we were courting. I knew then she cared about me, and I hadn't a thought about any other woman. Now when I didn't ask her to bother herself about me, and only to let me alone and go her own way, she must turn the tables on me, and want to ruin the pair of us slap over again. She'd thrown her arms round my neck and was sobbing on my shoulder when she finished. I took her over to the sofa, and made her sit down by the side of me.

"Kate," I said, "this won't do. There's neither rhyme nor reason about it. I'm as fond of you as ever I was, but you must know well enough if you make a bolt of it now there'll be no end of a hobbler, and everybody's thoughts will be turned our way. We'll be clean bowled—the lot of us. Jim and I will be juggled. You and Jeanie will be left to the mercy of the world, worse off by a precious sight than ever you were in your lives. Now, if you look at it, what's the good of spoiling the whole jimbang for a fancy notion about me? You and I are safe to be first-rate friends always, but it will be the ruin of both of us if we're fools enough to want to be more. You've got a good husband, that's proud of you and gives you everything you can think of. You took him yourself, and you're bound to stick to him. Besides, think of poor Jeanie and Jim. You'll spoil all their happiness; and, more than all—don't make any mistake—you know what Jeanie thinks of a woman who leaves her husband for another man."

If you let a woman have a regular good cry and talk herself out, you can mostly bring her round in the end. So after a bit Kate grew more reasonable. That bit about Jeanie fetched her too. She knew her own sister would turn against her—not harsh like, but she'd never be the same to her again as long as she lived.

The lamp had been put out in the big hall. There was only one in this parlour, and it wasn't over bright. I talked away, and last of all she came round to my way of thinking; at any rate not in want to clear off from the old man now, but to wait till I came back, or till I wrote to her.

"You are right, Dick," she said at last, "and you show your sense in talking the way you have; though, if you loved as I do, you could not do it. But, once more, there's no other woman that you're fonder of than me? It isn't that that makes you so good? Dick Marston good? and here she laughed bitterly. "If I thought that I should go mad."

What was I to do? I could not tell her that I loved Gracey Storefield ten times as much as I'd ever cheated myself into thinking I cared about her. So I swore that I cared more for her than any woman in the whole world, and always had done so.

This steadied her. We parted good friends, and she promised to keep quiet and try and make the best of things. She turned up the lamp to show me the way out, though the outer door of the hall was left open night and day. It was a way we had at the Turon; no one troubled

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themselves to be particular about such trifles as furniture and so on. There was very little small rubbery there; it was not worth while. All petty sinners were most severely punished into the bargain.

As I stood up to say good-bye a small note dropped out of my breast-pocket. It had shifted somehow. Kate always had an eye like an hawk. With one spring she pounced upon it, and before I could interfere opened and read it! It was Gracey Storefield's. She stood for one moment and glared in my face. I thought she had gone mad. Then she threw the bit of paper down and trampled upon it, over and over again.

"So, Dick Marston," she cried out bitterly, her very voice changed, "you have tricked me a second time! Your own Gracey! your own Gracey! and this, by the date, at the very time you were letting me persuade myself, like a fool, like an idiot that I was, that you still care for me! You have put the cap to your villainy now. And, as God made me, you shall have cause—good cause—to fear the woman you have once betrayed and twice scorned. Look to yourself!"

She gazed at me for a moment with a face from which every trace of expression had vanished, except that of the most deadly fury and spite—the face of an evil spirit more than of a woman; and then she walked slowly away. I couldn't help pitying her, though I cursed my own folly, as I had done a thousand times, that I had ever turned my head or spoken a word to her when first she crossed my path. I got into the street somehow; I hardly knew what to think or to do. That danger was done at our heels I didn't doubt for a moment. Everything seemed changed in a minute. What was going to happen? Was I the same Dick Marston that had been strolling up Main Street a couple of hours ago? All but off by the to-morrow evening's coach, and with all the world before me, a good round sum in the bank; but part of a year's hard, honest work it was the price of, too.

Then all kinds of thoughts came into my head. Would Kate, when her burst of rage was over, go in for revenge in cold blood? She could hardly strike me without at the same time hurting Jeanie through Jim. Should I trust her? Would she come right, kiss and make friends, and call herself a madwoman—a reckless fool—as she'd often done before? No; she was in bitter earnest this time. It did not pay to be slack in making off. Once we had been caught napping, and once was enough.

The first thing to do was to warn Jim—poor old Jim, snoring away, most like, and dreaming of taking the box-coat for himself and Jeanie at the agent's next morning. It seemed cruel to wake him, but it would have been crueler not to do so.

I walked up the narrow track that led up to the little gully with the moon shining down upon the white quartz rock.

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The pathway wound through a "blow" of it. I threw a pebble at the door and waited till Jim came out.

"Who's there? Oh! It's you, old man, is it? It's rather late for a call; but I've come to spend the evening I'll get up, and we'll have a smoke, anyhow."

"You dress yourself, Jim," I said, "as quick as you can. Put on your hat and come with me; there's something up."

"My God!" says Jim, "what is it? I'm a rank coward now I've got Jeanie. Don't go and tell me we've got to cut and run again."

"Something like it," I said. "If it hasn't come to that yet, it's not far off."

We walked up the gully together. Jim lit his pipe while I told him shortly what had happened to me with Kate.

"May the devil fly away with her!" said Jim savagely, "for a bad-minded, bad-hearted jade; and then he'd wish he'd left her where she was. She'd be no chop-down there even. I think sometimes she can't be Jeanie's sister at all. They must have changed her, and mothered the wrong child on the old woman. My word! but it's no laughing matter. What's to be done?"

"There's no going away by the coach to-morrow, I'm afraid. She's just the woman to tear straight up the camp and let it all out before her temper cooled. It would take a week to do that. The sergeant or Sir Ferdinand knows all about it now. They'll lose no time, you may be certain."

"And must I leave without saying good-night to Jeanie?" says Jim. "So, by—! If I have half-a-dozen bullets through me, I'll go back and hold her in my arms once more before I'm hunted off and through the country like a wild dog once more. If that infernal Kate has given us away, by George, I could go and kill her with my own hand! The cruel, murdering, selfish brute, I believe she'd poison her mother for a ten-pound note!"

"No use swearing at Kate, Jim," I said; "that won't mend matters. It's not the first time by a thousand that I've wished I'd never set eyes on her; but if I'd never seen her that day on St. Kitts beach you'd never known Jeanie. So there's even as well as odds. The thing is, what are we to do now?"

"Dashed if I know. I feel stupid about tackling the brute again; and what can I do with Jeanie? I wish I was dead. I've half a mind to go and shoot that brute of a woman and then myself. But then, poor Jeanie! poor little Jeanie! I can't stand it, Dick; I shall go mad!"

I thought Jim was going to break out crying just as he used when he was a boy. His heart was a big soft one; and though he could face anything in the way of fighting that a man dare do, and do two men's share very like, yet his tears, mother said, laid very near his eyes, and till he was a grown man they used to pump up on all sorts of occasions.

"Come, be a man, Jim," I said, "we've got to look the thing in the face; there's no two ways about it. I shall go to Arizona Bill's claim and see what he says. Anyhow I'll leave word with him what to do when we're gone. I'd advise you not to try to see Jeanie; but if you will you must, I suppose. Good-bye, old man. I shall make my way over to Jonathan's, borrow a horse from him, and make tracks for the Hollow as soon as I can. You'd better leave Jeanie here and do the same."

Jim groaned, but said nothing. He wrung my hands till the bones seemed to crack, and walked away without a word.

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I walked on pretty quick till I came to the flat where Arizona Bill and his mates had their slaking claim. There were six of them altogether, tall wiry men all of them; they'd mostly been hunters and trappers in the Rocky Mountains before the gold was struck at Satter's Mill, in the Sacramento Valley. They had been digging in '49 in California, but had come over when they heard from an old mate of a placer diggings at Turon, richer than anything they had ever tried in America.

This camp was half a mile from ours, and there was a bit of broken ground between, so that I thought I was safe in having a word with them before I cleared for Barnes's place, though I took care not to go near our own camp but. I walked over, and was making straight for the smallest hut, when a rough voice hailed me.

"Hello! stranger, ye came darned near going to—! with your boots on. What did yer want again that thar cabin?"

I saw then that in my hurry I had gone stumbling against a small hut where they generally put their gold when the party had been washing up and had more than was safe to start from camp with. In this they always put a grizzled old hunter, about whom the yarn was that he never went to sleep, and could shoot anything a mile off. It was thought a very unlikely thing that any gold he watched would ever go crooked. Most people considered him a deal safer caretaker than the secret.

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